

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council held in the Parkeston Methodist Church Hall, Garland Road, Parkeston on Thursday 18th March 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: E Barrenger, L Donn, M Donn, G Elmer, G Lee, R Passmore, N Prior, D Smith

Also Present: Jeff Keating, J Brown (Part)

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Nick Turner, Chairman of Tendring District Council
2. **Welcome Cllr Nick Turner, Chairman of Tendring District Council**
3. **To Co-opt J Brown as Councillor of RPPC – Ramsey Ward**
Mr John Brown was co-opted as Councillor (Ramsey Ward) all in favour. Cllr Brown signed his declaration of office and was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.
4. **To receive a report on the RPPC Website – J Keating**
 - The website is in process of being populated; the current stage was viewed and a copy of the homepage view and link is copied with these minutes. It was explained that changes to the design/content can be made at any stage should it be required.
 - Once live the administration of the website will be the ownership of the Councillor responsible for the topics.
 - Archiving of information on the site will be made each 4 – 6 months
 - All Councillors were asked to bring forward any photographs or information of local interest also to submit their profiles and photographs to the Clerk that will then be uploaded to the website.

Action: All

5. **To receive a report from Essex Police: information only**
The monthly report received for February that showed a downtrend on previous months was tabled and discussed. No major concerns were raised.
6. **Members Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda: Members joining the meeting part way through should wait for the next agenda item before joining any discussion/debate and declare any interest on any of the remaining agenda items.**
7. **To receive a report relating to the proposed Power Boat Racing Weekend: Mr Spraggons**
Not in attendance, further contact to be made to invite Mr Spraggons to attend at the next meeting of RPPC. Cllr M Donn reported that approximately 35,000 visitors are expected to attend the event. The event organisers have arranged to use an area at Harwich International Port as park and ride system. This also coincides with Cruise ship vessels and concerns of potential effects of a large volume of traffic on Parkeston Village was discussed. Cllr Donn will raise such at the next HIP Liaison meeting to be held in March.

Action: Clerk/Cllr M Donn

8. **To hear questions from members of the public: 15 minutes allowed.** None in attendance
9. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2010**
Cllr L Donn proposed and Cllr D Smith seconded a motion that the minutes to be signed as a true record with the motion carried. The Chairman then signed the minutes as a true record.
10. **To receive any announcement by the Chairman**
 - i. It is with sincere regret that a letter of resignation has been received from Peter Barrenger
The Chairman will send a letter of thanks for the excellent work and service Peter gave in the time he was with the Council.
 - ii. Maps: definitive maps of public rights of way ECC identifying boundary of areas within the parish held by the Clerk have been passed to Cllr Passmore for reference.
11. **To hear a report on actions taken by the clerk and members as agreed at the last meeting:**
 - i. Item 9 1. Parkeston House: The clerk confirmed that TDC have re-instated the enforcement order on the Untidy Site and will monitor its progress.
 - ii. Item 12 - iii Parkeston Ward Road Sweeping: Cllr Elmer monitoring its effectiveness
12. **To consider any Planning issues:** notification of the following have been received since issuing the agenda:
 - i. **Application No:** 10/0234/FUL
Proposal: Erection of menage covered building
Location: Stagecoach Stud Wix Road Ramsey

Action: Cllr Elmer

Cllr J Brown declared interest as member of Development & Control Committee, TDC
View of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is no objection

- ii. **Application No:** 10/00201/FUL
Proposal: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to vary Conditions 3 (phasing), 45 (Highways), 46 (Highways) and 47 (Highways) and to delete and replace Conditions 41 (Highways), 42 (Highways), 43 (Highways) and 44 (Highways) attached to planning permission 03/00600/FUL
Location: Bathside Bay Stour Road

View of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council is to thank TDC for being copied in on plans as neighbours of the proposed site; however concerns on the possible impact on The Dock River are to be noted.

Planning decisions received:

i. **Planning Application:** 09/0135/FUL

Proposal: Erection of equipment store building (alternative position to that approved under 08/00208/FUL)

Location: Hariwch Golf Club, Station Road, Parkeston

Approval Full

13. To receive a report regarding the Parkeston Cemetery: Cllr Elmer

i. Cllr M Donn reported on the boundary fence near Euro Stanton Park being damaged by people using it as an access point to site.

ii. Incidents of fly tipping were reported of plant debris from new houses; a general letter to ask residents of the new residential site to show respect and report any sightings to the Clerk of misuse of the cemetery.

Action: Clerk/Councillors

iii. Conditions in relation to the original planning application of the residential site where it is believed that a boundary fence should be in place is to be followed up with a visit to TDC Weeley offices.

Action: Cllr M Donn/Cllr Brown

iv. Cemetery Lodge Maintenance: a letter received from the residents has been received itemising maintenance needs in relation to the windows, plumbing, heating and electrics: to be addressed with an inspection of the property to follow.

Action: Clerk

Headstone Risk Assessment Working Party: To be arranged in better weather

14. To receive a report regarding the Ramsey War Memorial Hall/Playing Field: Cllr E Barrenger/Passmore

i. A new Secretary and Treasurer will be in place following the retirement of Mr and Mrs Bishop who currently hold the positions

ii. Portacabins: recommendations have been followed from the planning application requirements.

iii. Flooding from the ditch is being addressed with the Environment Agency

15. To receive a report from the Transport Representatives

Ramsey:

- Cllr M Donn confirmed that work in the Street, Ramsey due to start to address flooding.
- Clayton Road bus shelter replacement is currently being addressed through insurance.
- Ramsey Street Lighting: notification has been received from the contractors, A & J Lighting Solutions, that RPPC will be subject to an increase for component parts and lamps to the value of approximately 5%, this increase had been predicted in the budget as set for 2010/11.

Parkeston:

- Cllr M Donn has received a complaint relating to the overhanging vegetation on pavements at the top Station Road to include the grass banks either side of Hamilton House; being within the HIP boundary Cllr M Donn is to take the issue to the next HIP Liaison meeting.

16. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings:

i. Cllr Brown attended a presentation delivered by Essex County Council on Essex museums. Ramsey school still remains as ECC ownership and requested for the future of building to be an agenda item of RPPC when all information has been collated: Site visit to be arranged.

Action: Cllr Brown/Cllr M Donn

ii. Cllr Prior attended a meeting of the Welfare Park and reported on a grant of £30k having been secured; confirmation of ability to use for either sports or play equipment is to be established.

Confirmation has been made of the deeds for the Welfare Park, that are registered to the Trustees, are held at Hanslip Ward Solicitors.

17. To receive any correspondence for action/information not covered elsewhere: None

18. To agree the accounts for payment:

Clerks Salary	£708.79	M Jay (Cemetery Maintenance)	£40.00
E-On Electricity	£79.31	Accent Stationers	£26.85
TDC (Cemetery Business Rates 2011)	£588.09	BT Communications	£78.35
A & J Lighting	£53.11		

19. Councillor's report and items for future agendas: each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report on minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making unless otherwise agreed by the Chairman.

20. To confirm that the next meeting of Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 15th April 2010 in the Ramsey Methodist Chapel, The Street, Ramsey at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 2150hrs

Exclusion of the public: In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt and confidential information (for example confidential personal or tender issues) can be considered by the council.